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SUBJECT: RECENT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN NEW DELHI AND
KOREAN QUESTION

REF: A) STATE 87366 (NOTAL), B) SEOUL 3086 (NOTAL)

1. AT CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION OF JAPAN'S ASPIRATIONS
FOR PERMANENT SC SEAT, REPORTED REF A, JAPANESE
COUNSELOR KURIYAMA ASKED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
BAKER FOR US VIEWS WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO HANDLING
OF KOREAN ISSUE AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN NEW DELHI.
BAKER SAID BOTH USUN OFFICER WE SENT AND OUR EMBASSY
THERE AGREED NORTH KOREANS HAD NOT PRESSED AS HARD AS IN
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PAST AND HAD RECEIVED RATHER LUKEWARM SUPPORT AT NACC.
AS RESULT, LANGUAGE IN RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON KOREA MUCH
LESS EXTREME THAN THAT OF LAST YEAR. SOUTH KOREANS HAD
TOLD US THEY BELIEVED THAT NEW INDIAN GOVERNMENT
PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD. LOWER LEVEL OF
NORTH KOREAN EFFORT MAY HAVE BEEN RELATED TO FACT THAT
NO NAM SUMMIT MEETING INVOLVED THIS YEAR. JAPANESE

COUNSELOR GENERALLY CONCURRED IN THIS APPRAISAL. BAKER NOTED THAT OUR OBSERVER HAD HAD USEFUL CONTACT WITH JAPANESE MFA OBSERVER.

2. BAKER, OBSERVING THAT WE HAVE AT PRESENT NO CLEAR INDICATION OF NORTH KOREAN PLANS WITH RESPECT 32ND GA, SAID WE CURRENTLY THINKING OF HOLDING INFORMAL WORKING-LEVEL CORE GROUP MEETING IN NEW YORK AND INTEND EXPLORE THIS IDEA WITH ROK AND JAPANESE MISSIONS IN NEW YORK. BAKER FURTHER OBSERVED ANY SUCH MEETING SHOULD BE KEPT LOW-KEY SO AS NOT AGITATE NORTH KOREANS, BUT CORE GROUP HAD PROVED VERY USEFUL LAST YEAR (WITH VALUABLE JAPANESE CONTRIBUTION, HE NOTED), AND WE SAW MERIT IN KEEPING IT ALIVE.

3. JAPANESE COUNSELOR CONCURRED AND THEN ASKED WHETHER WE HAD HAD ANY APPROACH FROM SOUTH KOREANS YET. BAKER REPLIED EMBASSY SEOUL HAD REPORTED PRELIMINARY SOUTH KOREAN REACTION TO RECENT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AS SIMILAR TO OURS (REF B) AND THAT ROK WAS INTERESTED IN HAVING CORE GROUP SESSION BUT LESS ANXIOUS ABOUT IT NOW THAN THEY APPEARED PRIOR TO NACC.
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